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Our Case No. 9281-3683  
Client Reference No. N US99096

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kiyoshi Sato )  
Serial No. To be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD )  
WITH TRACK WIDTH )  
RESTRICTING GROOVE )  
FORMED TO FULLY READ )  
LOWER CORE LAYER, AND )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR )  
THE SAME )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

At page 3, line 1, delete ", then" and insert --. Then--.

At page 3, line 4, delete ", the" and insert --. The--.

At page 3, line 17, delete ", then" and insert --. Then--.

At page 4, line 8, delete "(See Fig. 9) which" and insert [ ] and frequently leads to

A1 peeling of the plating. The lower magnetic pole layer 3--.

At page 4, line 10, delete ", frequently leading to peeling of the plating"

At page 4, line 13, after "weakens" insert --the--.

A2 At page 4, line 16, delete "will describe" and insert [ ] is a description of [ ]

At page 5, line 1, delete "has been" and insert --is--.